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AMERICAN FAMILIES.

A SUBJECT SUGGESTED BY THE DEATH OF SIMON CAMERON.

Robert Graves Draws a Contrast Between the Respect in Which Blood Is Held in America and Abroad-Political Prominence Rarely Hereditary Here.

[Special Correspondence.]

WASHINGTON, July 8.-The death of Simon Cameron and the announcement that his son Don will retire from the senate at the end of his present term foreshadows the disappearance from public life of one of the most notable of American families. Whether due to the extremely democratic character of our government, or to the comparative youth of the country, it is a fact that but few really powerful familles have been known in America. Abroad family is almost everything. The weak man is upheld by family influence, the strong man is pushed higher even than he could climb alone, and the son inherits much of his father's status in the community, if not his title and political position. There are few such examples in the United States. There was but one Washington. Jefferson, Franklin, Hamilton, Jackson, Benton, Hayne, Webster stand alone in history as the great representatives of their families. There has been but one great Lincoln. Only one Buchanan, one Pierce, one Tyler, one Haves, one Garfield, one Arthur, one Great, one Fillmore, one Cleveland figure in their country's history. Millionaires, like the Vanderbilts and Astors, found great houses. Wealth is inherited, while genius is

It is not easy to find in this country a famfly that has produced more than one famous man. In the politics of the last fifty years there have been few men more powerful than Thurlow Weed. His race is run out. Conkling leaves none of his name to take up the scepter. Salmon P. Chase leaves no successor of his blood. The great war governors and senators, the Mortons, Cartins, Sumners, Fessendens, Wades, almost all of the great military figures, have entirely disappeared from the scenes of public activity, leaving none of their name to remind the world of their careers. It it not at all likely that Secretary Blaine has a son who will be able to follow the example set by Herbert Bismarck, who is mastering statecraft under his father's totorship, and making ready to take that master's seat. Nor is it litely President Harrison has a son who will be able to follow the Harrisonian precedent by winning high office after the present Harrison is dead and

Indeed, the rule is so general in this country that the exceptions become interesting. At last, after standing conspicuous for fifty years as an example of family greatness in America, emiling four of its members to the senate and almost winning the presidency itself, the Bayard family disappears from public life. Now the Camerons, it is said, are to go also. For thirty years this family has practically ruled the politics of the second state of the Union. The Cameron famfly has intermarried with other strong fami-lies. Don Cameron's first wife is a Rogers, of the family of Rogerses conspicuous in the army and navy. His second wife is a daughter of Judge Sherman, who was a brother of Senator Sherman and Gen. Sher-

The Shermans are themselves a good sample of the powerful family. Two brothers have for a quarter of a century been in the fore front of public life, military and civil; both have closely approached the presidency. Judge Sherman was a man of force and in-tellect. The Shermans and the Ewings, of whom there were three famous men, are related by wedlock's ties.

Probably the Adamses will long stand forth as the greatest of American families. That sily bad two presidents, father and son. Besides being presidents both were great men, and in abdition to the presidency held other offices of high estate. Nor were these the only great Adamses. There was Samuel Adams, the revolutionist, whose name is written high on the scroll of fame. He and President John Adams had both the same grandfather, a son of that sturdy Henry Adams who came to this country about 1640 with no fewer than eight lusty sona. This immigrant founded the family which produced Samuel, John, John Quincy, Charles Francis, John Quincy (second), Hannah, Nebemish and many other Adamses whose

names appear often in the pages of history. Few American families have wen as much as two United States senatorships, or produced more than one governor or congress-man. The sons and descendants of a large majority of our great men have failed to bring new laurels to the family escutebeon. Besides the Adamses only one family can ciaim the honor of two presidents, and this one is the family of the present chief execu-tive. The Harrisons have been men of force and success in this country for nearly 300 years. Among the second importation of Virginia colonists under John Smith, about 1608, was one Master John Harrison, gentieman. He became governor of Virginia. His son was known as Benjamin Harrison, of Surrey, and became the first great landed proprietor of his name in Virginia.

At Westover, on the sames, a monument to him is still standing. He left three sons, the eldest, Benjamin Harrison, of Berkeley, who died in 1710, also leaving a son Benjamin, who was killed by lightning. The eldest son of this Benjamin was the great-grandfather of the present president, and father of Wilm Henry Harrison, the hero of Tippecanoa. The Harrisons had a coat of arms, as became so great a family-a family that boasts two sidents, two generals in the army, a governor of Virginia, two senators of the United States a member of the Virginia house of burgesses and of the colonial congress, ias well as a signer of the Declaration of Inde-

The Harrison blood has always been prolifle, and it is at this day one of the most numerous families in the country. It has been jokingly said the president feould not well avoid appointing some of his relatives to office, because there are so many of them he couldn't miss them all, even if he were to try. It is not true that the Harrison genealogy has anything in common with Pocahentas.

A branch of the Randelph family sprang from Focahentas, and the Randelphs and Harrisons were early related by marriage, es were the Harrisons and Carters, and the Harrisons and various other families promiment in the south.

The Harrison descent comes from stron family stock on both sides. President Harrison's paternal grandmother was a Symmes, and there have not been many greater fami-lies in this country than the Symmeses. ugh the old Col. Symmes, who believed there is a hole through the center of the earth from pole to pole, and who at Cincinnati seriously moved about organizing an exedition to explore the interior of our globe, is the member of the family best known in our day, from early colonial times the Symmeson, have been prominent in church and state, not forgetting to fight when there was fighting to be done

It was a New England family from about Boston, and the early Symmeses were hand and band with John and Samuel Adams and other revolutionists. When Anna, daughter of the eccentric Join Cieve Symmos, author of the "hole" theory and founder of the town of North Bend, O., married William Henry Harrison, two of the best families in the United States were joined—one representing New Engrand and the other Virginia. Anna Symmes took the place which Compressman Cox's grandmother had a chance to take;

arready pledged herself to a printer boy, the grandfather of the noted and popular "Sun-

One of the really great families of this country were the Clintons of New York. The founder of the family was Charles Clinton, a native of Ireland, who came to America in a ship chartered by himself. The captain of the vessel tried to starve the passengers in order to gain possession of their property, but was finally forced to land on Cape Cod. Clinton became a farmer in Ulster county, N.Y., where he became a county judge and military man of local note. George Clinton, his youngest son, was elected the first governor of New York after a brilliant career in the field, and was chosen vice president in 1804. His brother James won fame as a soldier and also by having for a son De Witt Clinton,

the great statesman.

Another great family were the Livingstons, also of New York. John Livingston the common ancestor of the family, a lineal descendant of the fifth Lord Livingston, ancestor of the earls of Linlithgow and Callen-der, was a preacher of the Reformed church of Scotland. His son Robert came to this country about 1675, and was a man of note in the colonies. His son Philip was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. His brother William became governor of New Jersey. Brockholst, William's son, reached the bench of the supreme court of the United States. Robert R., grandson of the second Robert Livingston, was one of the five who drafted the Declaration of Independence, and as chancellor of state administered the oath of office to Washington a hundred pears ago. His brother Edward was a great lawyer, judge, United States senator, and minister to Franca. John H. was a famous divine in New York ninety years ago. The Livingstons were connected by marriage ties with the Schuylers and Jays, also noted fami-

Still another great family are the Trum-bulls, of Connectiont. There was "Brother Jonathan' Trumbull, the revolutionist; his son Jonathan, who became a United States senator; the latter's brother John, a painter of distinction, whose works, "Declaration of Independence," "Surrender of Burgoyne," "Surrender of Cornwallis," and "Resignation of Washington at Annapolis," hang in the rotunda of the Capitol in this city; Ben-jamin, a famous preacher; James, a philolo-

gist, and John, a poet.

The Trumbolls tried their hands at many things and excelled in all. They were a good deal such a family as the Beechers, whose numbers were recently reduced by the death of one of the brothers in Chicago; talented per-sons who could write, preach, fight or make headway to politics. Not infrequently a certain field of endeavor becomes the favorite or exclusive one this family, and is handed down from generation to generation.

The Lees take naturally to politics and the

military; the Biddles, Barrons and Porters were naval officers and heroes. The Drapers run to education and science, the Hawthornes to literature and the Gallaudets to the pulpit and the education of deaf mutes. For many a year the Booths and the Davenports will hold rank as the first families of the stage. The Bradfords were great printers, though not so great as the Harpers, while the Breckinridges—John, John Cabell and Robert Jef-ferson, as well as their two descendants now in congress—take naturally to the law and the gospel. The Danas are always judges or poots. Francis Dana was the chief justice of Massachusetts and his father had been a judge before him. Richard Henry, the chief justice's son, was a poet and essayist, and his son, Richard Henry, Jr., is a noted lawyer and author. No such family for writing as were the Abbots is likely to be seen in this country for many a day. There were seven of them, all industrious with their pens, and probably a full catalogue of their works would embrace five fundred titles.

Sitting on the supreme bench in this city is a member of one of the most remarkable families of which this country boasts. David Dudley Field, a Connecticut clergyman, left four boys. The eldest of these is the well known jurist, David Dudley Field. The tephen J., is on the supreme bench. The third, Cyrus West, laid the first Atlantic cable, while the fourth, Henry Martyu, is a preacher and author of note.

Senator Butler, of South Carolina, represents a famous family. He is the second I admire that army as a soldier I admire member of his family to att in the senate, the it still more as a citizen. Great as it is third to sit in congress and the fifth to win a place in his country's history.
Librarian Spofford, of the National library,

was asked the other day how many instances he could at the instant recall of fathers and sons holding high places in the public service. There were the Bayards, the Camerons, the Lincolns, the Clintons, the Butlers of South Carolina, the Adamses and the Dallases. Perhaps there have been many more, but I cannot recall them just now. In this comtry one is not born to a title; he must earn it.

Except in rare instances the son of a famous man who wins success in this country must do it entirely on his merits. In fact, being the son of a great man is a positive disadvantage, a handresp in the race for su-premacy. I have heard Robert Lincoln, now minister to England, declare that he would never have taken an office that he thought had come to him out of compliment to his father's memory, and that nothing could be more galling to him than the suspicion, constantly showing itself, that he was prospering in the favorable rays reflected by his father's great name.

So, too, with Stephen A. Douglas, son of "The Little Giant." Mr. Douglas loves and reverse his great father's memory, but I have heard him say with a good deal of warmth:
"No man is so unfortunately born in this country as he who is the son of a great man. I am proud of my father, and would not have his great career changed in the slightest; but I am also proud for myself, and I wish I had been born the son of a nobody. ROBERT GRAVES

SWEETHEART DATE

The sunset all its golden rays Athwart the sities of amber threw, When down among the woodland ways My bright haired Daisy came in view (Soft dintings of a dainty shae Had pointed me the path she chose, And why I followed up the clew I know-and Sweetheart Daisy knows.

We met—she turned un absent gaze To where, far off, a heron flew, For spoke she till, with trembling phrase, Her hand into my own 1 drew. Then, Sweetheart Dalsy roser grew Than her small namesakes when they close, And why she finahed so fair * hae I know-and Sweetheart Dulay knows.)

What time the trailing garden sprays Were heavy with the summer daw; When quenched was the geranium blaze, And dinamed the gay lobella blue-Daisy and I came poshing through The long loose hedge of briar rose, And why we were so glad, we two, I know—and Sweetheart Daisy knows.

Prince Love, all potent sovereign, who The fate of lovers dost dispose, Why this old world for me is new 1 know-and Sweetheart Daisy knows.

-- Francis Wynne in Longman's Magazine

Railroads in India.

Nearly all the railroads in India are under the government and many of the roads were built by the government, guaranteeing 5 per cent, to the stockholders on the condition that the profits above 5 per cent, shall be equally divided between the government and the stockholders. Over others of the roads the government has a sort of a control and the result is that the tenure of place on the railroad is much the same as that of the civil service of England. Men expect to stay a lifetime when they enter the railroad service and there is no danbut when William Henry Harrison offered ger of their discharge during good be-by his heart and hand she declined having havior. There are no strikes in India. ger of their discharge during good be-

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and a position on the railroad is considered very desirable by the natives,

The laws are, on the account of the government owning the roads, almost altogether in favor of the road, and our farmers would rise in indignation at some of them. If an American has a cow killed on the track of a road running through his farm the railroad company pays well for it. In India the owner of cattle found trespassing on the railroad is liable to a penalty of \$3.50 for each animal. Any man who drives any animal across an Indian railway except at certain appointed times and places is liable to a fine of \$17, and any man who enters a car reserved for females can be fined \$35. The man who tries to get on a train here after it is started will be fined \$7, and any one who attemps to defraud the railway company in any manner is liable to a fine of \$16.-Frank G. Carpenter.

Lord Wolseley on the German Army. The German nation may be thankful to the German army for other reasons than simply the defense of the fatherland, according to Gen. Lord Wolseley. He writes: "I take the German army as the highest existing type of the military system and organization, which the changes effected in armies by the French revolution have led up to; and much as for war, it is infinitely greater as a national school for the moral, mental and physical training of the people. Designed exclusively for war, it has become the most important of peace institutions. He realled: "Not more than half a dozen | In it all Germans are trained to strength and taught the first principles of personal cleanliness and of health. There they learn to be bonest and manly, and are taught the excellence of those virtues which serve to make men good subjects and law abiding citizens. It is the school of the nation, in which deep love of fatherland is fostered and cherished, and where all classes learn that there is honor in obedience and nobility in self sacri-

The Eloquence of a Tear. One may guess the why and wherefore One may guess the why and wherefore most frequently in damp and gloomy weath-of a tear and yet find it too subtile to give er, for the months just mentioned as being any account of. A tear may be the poetical resume of so many simultaneous impressions, the quintessence of so many opposing thoughts! It is like a drop of one of those precious elixirs of the east which contain the life of twenty plants fused into a single aroma. Sometimes it is the mere overflow of the soul, the run-ning over of the cup of reverie. All of the week, and even the hours of the day, ever an influence, the constancy that one cannot or will not say, all that one refuses to confess even to one's self -confused, desires, secret trouble, suppressed grief, smothered conflict, voiceless regret, the emotions we have struggled against, the pain we have sought to hide, our superstitious fears, our vague sufferings, our restless presentiments, our unrealized dreams, the wounds inflicted upon our ideal, the dissatisfied languor, the vain hopes, the multitude of small indiscernible ills which accumulate slowly in a corner of the heart like water dropping noiselessly man's profigality and wrongdoing. L. refrom the roof of a cavern—all these mys- gard to the hours of the day, we know, from terious movements of the inner life end In an instant of emotion, and the emotion concentrates itself in a tear just visible on the edge of the eyelid. For the rest, tears express joy as well as sadness. They are the symbol of the powerlessness of the soul to restrain its emotion and to remain mistress of itself.-Amiel's

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of which cannot be mistaken. As a result of his elaborate research he found that the greatest number of suicides among men occurred during the first ten days of the month, and from Monday to Thursday of the week. This is accounted for by renembering that the majority of working receive their wages either on the first of the month or the last of the week, and that "pay day" is often followed by dissipation de banchery and remorse. Oettingen completed this interesting observation by showing that the larger number of suicides among women take place during the last half of the week, when they are most apt to feel the effects of Brierre de Botsmont's examination of 1,993 cases of suicide in Paris, that the maximum number occurred between 6 a. m. and noon, and thereafter regularly declined, reaching the minimum at the hour before sunrise.— Charles W. Filgrim, M. D., in Popular Sci-

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